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## Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet Proposes 3 Major Bills

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet has proposed three major policy initiatives for passage in the 1998 legislative session.



**Forest Conservation Act** - Kentucky's forests must be conserved and sustained while maintaining a thriving logging and wood products industry. The proposed "Forest Conservation Act" would promote landowner education, require an inventory

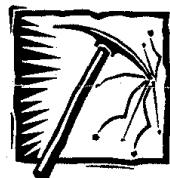
of the forest resources of the Commonwealth, provide landowners with incentives to manage their forests, provide a "bad actor" process to address logging damage to land and water resources, and require that loggers complete a "Master Logger" training course. By enacting this legislation, logging practices can be improved to better preserve and protect Kentucky's forests resources while creating economic opportunities for the wood products industry of the state.



**Waste Tire Abatement** - Enactment of a new law is necessary to abate the ever growing problem of waste tire piles. Cleanup of old waste tire piles is extremely expensive. The waste tire cleanup fund, financed by a waste tire fee of \$1, has not

the waste tire fee; certify, register and bond waste tire haulers and collectors; and provide additional funds for cleanup of tire piles.

**Kentucky Surface Mining Bond Pool Fund** - This bill would



create the Surface Mining Bond Pool Fund to be financed by interest from forfeited coal mine bonds. Currently, interest from forfeited bonds is placed in the general fund. The Bond Pool Fund would be used to help clean up old mine sites. Not more than 25% of the fund could be expended on any one site, unless a larger expenditure is necessary to abate an imminent danger to public health or safety.

For more information about these bills contact:

- Forest Conservation Act - Leah MacSwords, 502-564-2184.
- Waste Tire Abatement - Jeff Pratt, 502-564-6716.
- Bond Pool Fund - Jim Villines, 502-564-6940.

## Prefiled Bills to Address On-Site Sewage and Houseboat Waste

Some bills have been prefiled in anticipation of the 1998 legislative session to tackle some tough environmental challenges confronting the Commonwealth. They include the following:

**RR 275 An Act Related to Sewage Disposal Systems** - re-

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Meeting Announcement

**EQC 1997 Clean Water Campaign:**

**Recommendations**

Dec. 10 ■ Room 113 ■ Capitol Annex, Frankfort

The Environmental Quality Commission embarked on a Clean Water Campaign in 1997 to build public awareness and identify opportunities to address water pollution problems in Kentucky. EQC held three public forums across the state to discuss and view water quality problems. EQC will release its recommendations to improve water quality based on its findings from the forums and information gathered during the Clean Water Campaign.

**AGENDA**

1:00 pm Open meeting, approve minutes

1:15 pm Release of EQC 1997 Clean Water Campaign Recommendations

1:45 pm Other Business

2:00 pm Adjourn

**Upcoming Meetings**

Jan. 15, 1998 ■ 2 pm ■ Capitol Annex, Frankfort

Review of proposed air and swine regulations

All EQC meetings are open to the public. Meeting facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. For more information about the above meetings contact EQC at 502-564-2150.

## Public Notices Continued - from front page

### KY Division for Air Quality - Notices

- \*Chevron Products, Lexington (Fayette)- conditional major operating permit for bulk gasoline terminal (log# F327).
- \*Cooper Tire and Rubber, Mt. Sterling (Montgomery)- combination Title V operating permit and construction permit to authorize addition of body sealing extrusion lines (log# F275).
- \*Earthgrains Baking Co., Owensboro (Daviess) - conditional major operating permit for bakery (log #F011).
- \*Batesville Casket Co., Campbellsville (Taylor) - Title V permit (log # E749).
- \*Lingo Manufacturing, Florence (Boone) - conditional major operating permit for metal shelving plant (log # E689).
- \*Eagle Industries, Bowling Green (Warren) - Title V operating permit for wood manufacturing plant (E987).
- \*Crane Fiat Sanymetal, Somerset (Pulaski) - conditional major operating permit for metal and plastic partition plant (log # F149).
- \*Roll Forming Corp., Shelbyville (Shelby) - Title V operating permit for fabricated aluminum products plant (log # E900).
- \*Leggett Partners LP, Winchester (Clark) - Title V operating permit for metal furniture plant (log # E819).
- \*AK Steel Corp., Ashland (Boyd) - Title V permit for metallurgical coke manufacturing plant (log #E956).

Contact: Bill Dills, 502-573-3382.

### PROPOSED STATE REGULATIONS

- \*Air Quality -Notice of Intent - Hot mix asphalt plants operational limits for producers that do not hold a Title V permit. **Public Hearing Dec. 22, 10 am, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort.**

## Legislation Continued - from front page

**BR 45 An Act relating to Water Pollution** - a bill to address the illegal discharge of boat sewage into Kentucky's waterways. The measure would allow the Kentucky Water Patrol to board boats to inspect them for toilets and ensure that they are not discharging illegally into lakes and rivers. Marinas would be required to provide pump out facilities by July 15, 2000 to empty waste holding tanks found on houseboats and cabin cruisers.

### Information on the 1998 General Assembly

The 1998 legislative session begins on January 6, 1998. For information about the 1998 Regular session, meeting calendars, and summaries of bills check out the Legislative Research Commission's web site at <http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/home.htm>

A "Summary of Issues Confronting the 1998 General Assembly" is also available from the Legislative Research Commission. To order call 502-564-8100 and ask for publication No. 198.

EQC encourages all Kentuckians to let your legislator know your views on environmental matters. To reach your legislator during the session call 502-564-8100 or 1-800-372-7181.

\***Air Quality** - Two regulations have been filed to incorporate by reference federal municipal solid waste landfill standards for new and existing sources (401KAR 60:750, 401 KAR 61:036) **Public hearing Dec. 10, 10 am, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort.** Contact: Millie Ellis, 502-573-3382.

### FEDERAL NOTICES


- \***U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers** - Environmental assessment of in-river structure to direct debris for removal from the Cumberland River upstream of Lake Cumberland. Comments due Dec. 13. Contact: Ray Hedrick, Nashville District, 615-736-5026.
- \***Daniel Boone National Forest** - Land exchange of 489 acres in Sterns and Somerset Districts to Lake Cumberland Resorts, a residential housing developer, for 1,466 acres in Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, and Rockcastle Co. Contact: Jerry Stephens, 606-679-2018
- \***Daniel Boone National Forest** - Comments requested on amendment of Forest Plan to incorporate scientific knowledge of silvicultural systems and management of threatened and endangered species. Copies can be downloaded at <http://www.r8web.com/boone/plan/amend.htm> or contact: USFS, 606-745-3100.
- \***Land Between the Lakes** - Seeking public input for 1998 forest management activities. Comments due 12/10. Contact: 502-924-2065

### PUBLICATIONS

- \***Guidelines for Stream and Wetland Protection** - Approaches for restoring streams and mitigating wetlands. For a copy of the manual contact Dru Hawkins, Div. of Water, 502-564-3410, ext. 400.

### FUNDS AVAILABLE

- \***319 Nonpoint Source Projects** - The Division of Water is seeking proposals for projects that provide effective solutions caused by runoff pollution. For a copy of the 1999 Guidance Document contact: Wendy Romain, 502-564-3410.



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